



Early Learning Scholarships

Scholarship Use in Minnesota – State Fiscal Year 2024

For period July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024

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Introduction

The Early Learning Scholarships Program, established by Minnesota Statutes, section renumbered 142D.25, supports access to quality early care and education programs by bridging funding gaps and decreasing barriers for Minnesota’s low-income children and priority populations who research shows benefit the most from high-quality early experiences. State early learning scholarships were administered by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) in state fiscal year 2024. Early Learning Scholarships must be used in early childhood programs that are participating in Parent Aware. Parent Aware, administered in state fiscal year 2024 by the Minnesota Department of Human Service (DHS), is Minnesota’s Quality Rating and Improvement System. Parent Aware star ratings help families choose quality early care and education programs (early childhood programs). Both the Early Learning Scholarship Program and Parent Aware moved to the new Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) in July 2024.

Families can access state early learning scholarships via two pathway types, with a child limited to one active scholarship award of either type at a time. Pathway I scholarships are awarded directly to eligible children through Area Administrators and are used at an eligible program the family chooses. Pathway II scholarships are awarded to children through Four-Star Parent Aware Rated programs that have been granted scholarship funds for use in their program.

The maximum annual scholarship amount (cap) for state fiscal year (FY) 2024 is \$12,000 for use in a licensed family child care program and up to \$15,000 for licensed child care centers, school-based programs, or Head Start. To receive that maximum, the program serving the child must have had a Four-Star Parent Aware Rating and be providing services to support the full amount. As noted above, all Pathway II scholarships are awarded by Four-Star Rated programs. If a child is awarded a Pathway I scholarship, the family may choose to use that scholarship at any eligible program, and the maximum award amount is limited by the Parent Aware Rating of the program they choose:

Scholarship amounts are based on the Parent Aware rating level of the program.

Parent Aware Program Rating Level	Scholarship Amount: Center-Based, School-District/ Charter School, and Head Start	Scholarship Amount: Licensed Family Child Care
Parent Aware Four-Star Rating	Up to \$15,000 per child	Up to \$12,000 per child
Parent Aware Three-Star Rating	Up to \$9,000 per child	Up to \$9,000 per child
Parent Aware One- or Two-Star Rating	Up to \$6,000 per child	Up to \$6,000 per child
Signed Participation Agreement	Up to \$5,000 per child	Up to \$5,000 per child

Funding for Early Learning Scholarships

The base state fiscal year (FY) 2024 available funding for the Early Learning Scholarships Program is \$196,000,000, after a onetime appropriation increase of \$126,000,000 in FY24 and FY25, from the previous base of \$70,709,000. The funding for FY26 and 27 will be \$126,000,000, which will be \$70,000,000 lower than in FY24

and 25. As a child is eligible to retain their scholarship until they are kindergarten age eligible, the department began working on multi year forecasting in FY24.

As a result of legislation signed into law in 2019, the program has a Special Revenue Account. This allows underutilized funds from one year to be rolled into this account to be spent in future years. While all funds available are awarded each year, underutilization occurs when an individual child has an awarded scholarship, but circumstances such as change in program, receipt of childcare assistance, or a delay in finding and enrolling in a program reduces spending. An administrative change, based on community engagement and feedback, was to begin to move the program to a set fiscal year, where children awarded in the same year would all have their scholarship year end on June 30th, then renew on July 1 until they age out of the program. DCYF staff, anticipate a roll forward into the Special Revenue Account due to this change, will be used to offset the 2025 legislation that requires all scholarship in 4 Star Parent Aware rated programs to be eligible for a scholarship at least at the 75th percentile of the most recent childcare market rate. This increase, along with the new FY26 and 27 appropriations, factors into multiyear forecasting, originating FY24. This is only a snapshot and does not represent a final awarding total. Award amounts will shift as administration and service activities continue throughout the certified year of funding, ending June 30, 2025.

Report Data – FY 2024

The information contained in this report is a view of the use of state early learning scholarships awarded in Minnesota for state fiscal year (FY) 2024, running July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This includes new awards and renewals. The primary data set was sourced from the Early Learning Scholarship Administration System (ELSA) and included records through November 3, 2024. Wait list counts were gathered separately and reported to the department by the local Area Administrator of the program.

Scholarship data is collected at a child level. To ensure compliance to Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA) Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13, due to filtering data, there is limitation to the level of detail at county or regional levels. Additionally, the administratively defined areas have changed since implementation of the Early Learning Scholarships Program began in FY 2013, as have the administrative organizations for some of the areas. For consistency with historical reporting, breakdowns continue to be offered by county and [state economic development region](#).

Resources

Please refer to the [Early Learning Scholarships program webpage](#) or the [State Early Learning Scholarships Policy Manual](#) for additional program information as needed. Questions about this report or the Early Learning Scholarships Program may be directed to DCYF.ELScholarships@state.mn.us.

Scholarships Statewide

At the statewide level, this report provides an unduplicated count of children who have received a FY 2024-funded scholarship through new awarding or renewal between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. Data was run on November 3, 2024 against a snapshot of data through November 2, 2024, in consideration of fiscal year-end administrative efforts.

When broken into counts by pathway type, some duplication in the child count is present and expected. This is because a child with a single scholarship may receive multiple awards within one year as long as there is no overlap in the active dates of the awards, and a child who receives multiple awards within the scholarship year is not limited to a single pathway type.

In FY 2024, 16,100 children were identified as having received a state early learning scholarship. Of those, 4,871 (39.7%) were identified as children in one or more of the four [priority populations](#).

State Totals by Pathway

In FY 2024, 16,100 children received a scholarship, marking an increased use in FY 2024 of approximately 31 percent from the previous year. The overall percentage of Pathway I scholarships was 29% higher than that of Pathway II this year; 6,834 more Pathway I scholarships were awarded than Pathway II scholarships. The number of children with Pathway II scholarships is about 13 percent lower than in FY 2023, while the number of children awarded Pathway I scholarships increased by about 65 percent. This is in line with expectations of the one-time increase of \$126 million in the appropriation, of which, most went to Pathway 1. For Pathway I the drop in total scholarships suggests an increase in average spending per child and/or increased uncertainty in the level of obligation to forecast for the full term of each scholarship award, resulting in fewer children being awarded. The higher scholarship cap introduced in FY 2021 and the COVID-19 pandemic are known influences in these areas. overall, the awarding split between pathways is influenced by allocation of funds, the scholarship award cap amount, program guidance, applicant behaviors, and other factors.

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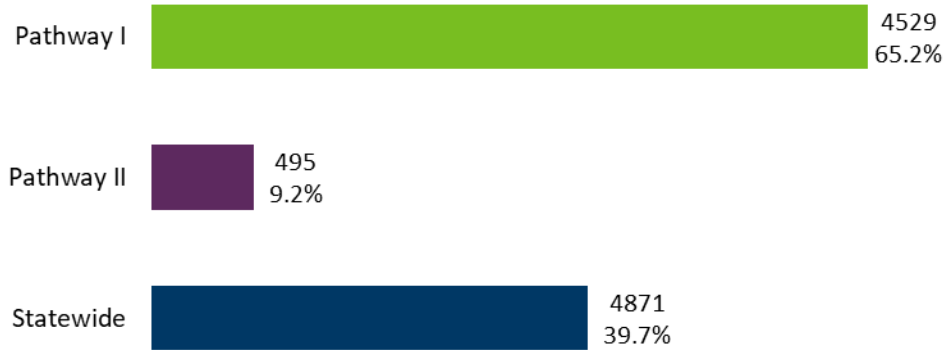


[Refer to Appendix A: Statewide Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type – FY 2024.](#)

Priority Populations

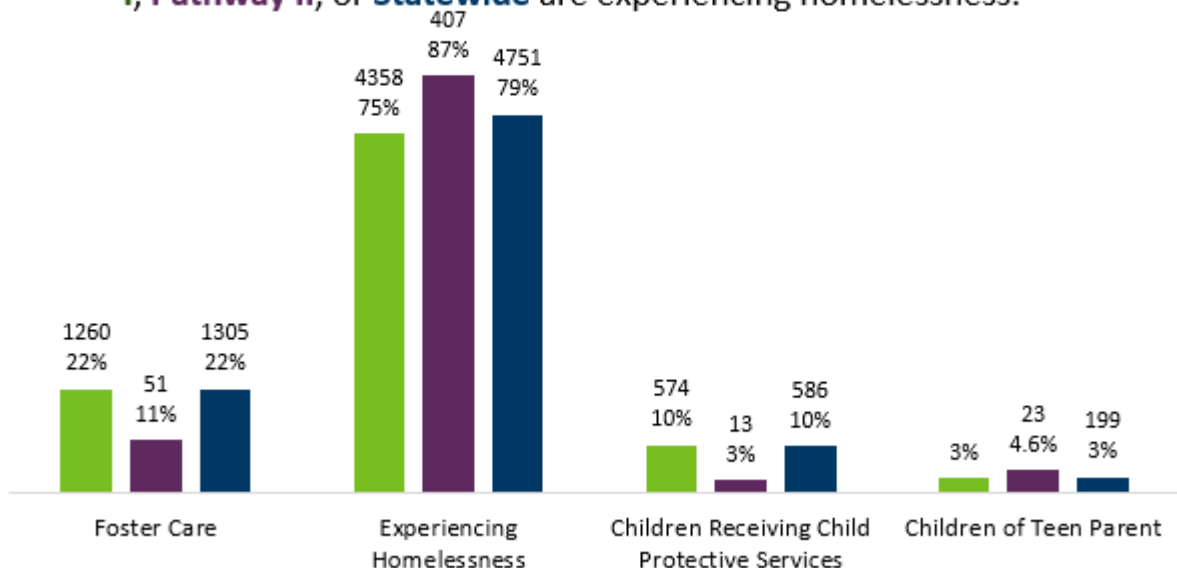
The chart below indicates the number of children in one of four priority populations as identified in statute who were awarded a FY 2024 scholarship, a statewide total of 4,871 children. Children birth through age 5 receive priority status for state early learning scholarship awarding if they are children of a parent under the age of 21 pursuing a high school diploma or General Education Development (GED) diploma (teen parent), in foster care, in need of (receiving) child protective services, or if the family experienced homelessness in the previous 24 months. While children of teen parents have been prioritized for state early learning scholarships since FY 2014, the other priority groups were included as of FY 2018. Area Administrators were also directed by MDE to reserve a minimum of 30% of new funding for children in priority populations beginning with FY 2018. This helps keep scholarship funds available farther in the year as children in priority status are identified and apply for a scholarship.

Many children receiving scholarships are in one or more priority population.



Area Administrator organizations, who serve as grantees of the state with the responsibility of administering Pathway I scholarships, are required to plan outreach specific to each priority population as well as reserve funds for awarding children in priority populations. At the start of a new funding fiscal year, when administrators begin to process scholarship applications, children in priority populations are initially awarded alongside all other eligible applicants. Once non-reserve funds are all obligated to awarded children, administrators then continue to award children in priority populations using the reserve funds until those funds are also fully obligated.

The majority of children in a priority population being served by **Pathway I**, **Pathway II**, or **Statewide** are experiencing homelessness.



Note: The “Parent Under 21” priority indicator was added to ELSA in June 2020. Due to the relatively recent addition of this data point, this report includes both those children with the indicator set and those with a parent whose age was calculated to be less than 21 as of the start date of the child’s FY 2024 scholarship in the counts of children of teen parents.

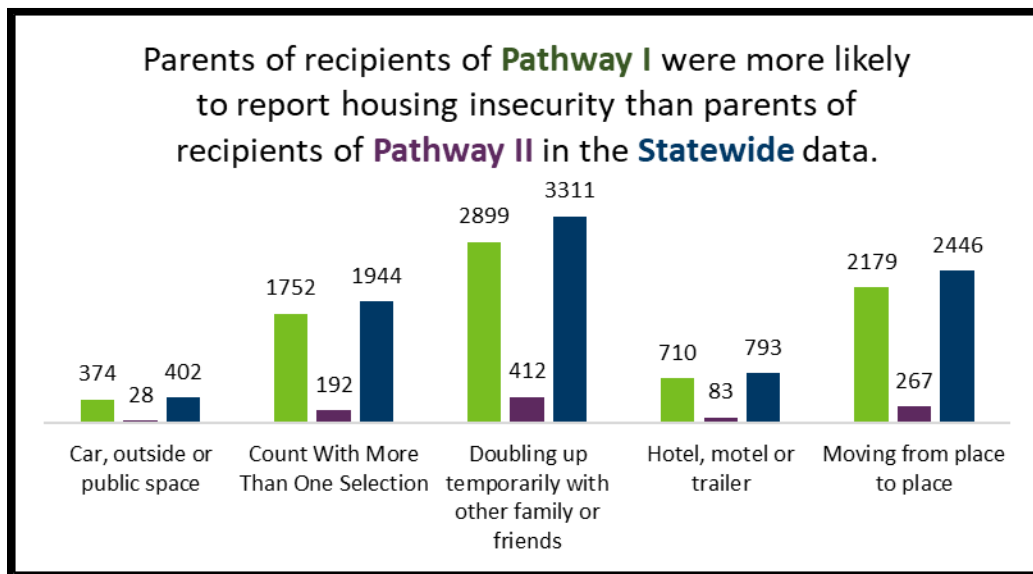
[Refer to Appendix E: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Priority Population – FY 2024.](#)

[Refer to Appendix F: Child Counts by Age on September 1 and Priority Population – FY 2024.](#)

Housing Insecurity

Early Learning Scholarships application forms ask for information about the family’s living situation to identify those who have experienced housing insecurity within 24 months of applying for the scholarship. Completing this question is not required. If the applicant marks one or more of the response options, the children on the application are identified as experiencing homelessness and included in that priority population.

Responses providing some detail about the type of housing insecurity experienced by the families of scholarship recipients have been included in the scholarship applications since early years of program implementation. With the FY 2020 version of the application, the response options were revised for improved alignment with other data collections. In June 2020, MDE updated the ELSA system to begin collecting these responses. The data set for this report included responses from 3,475 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (3,133 with a Pathway I scholarship and 612 with a Pathway II scholarship).

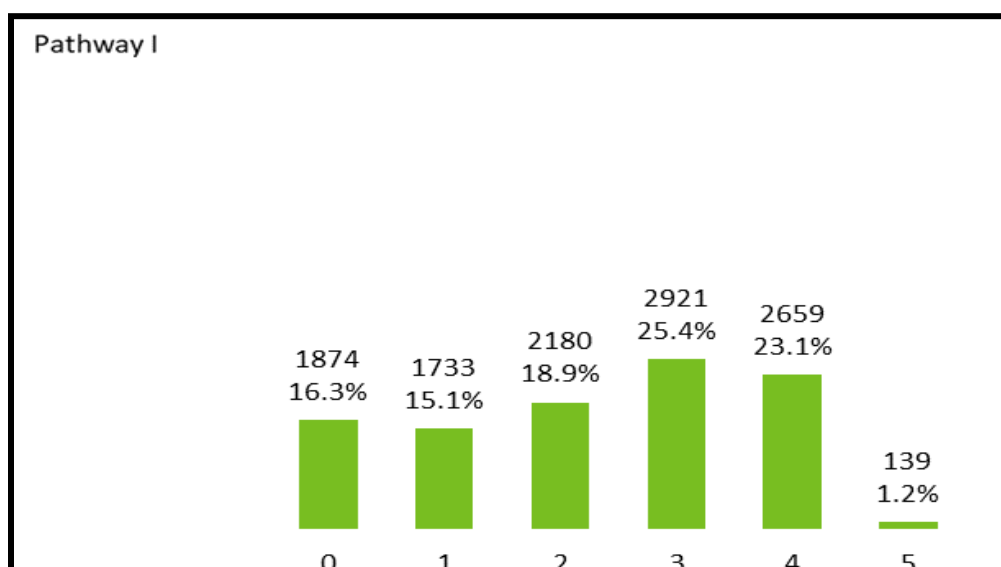
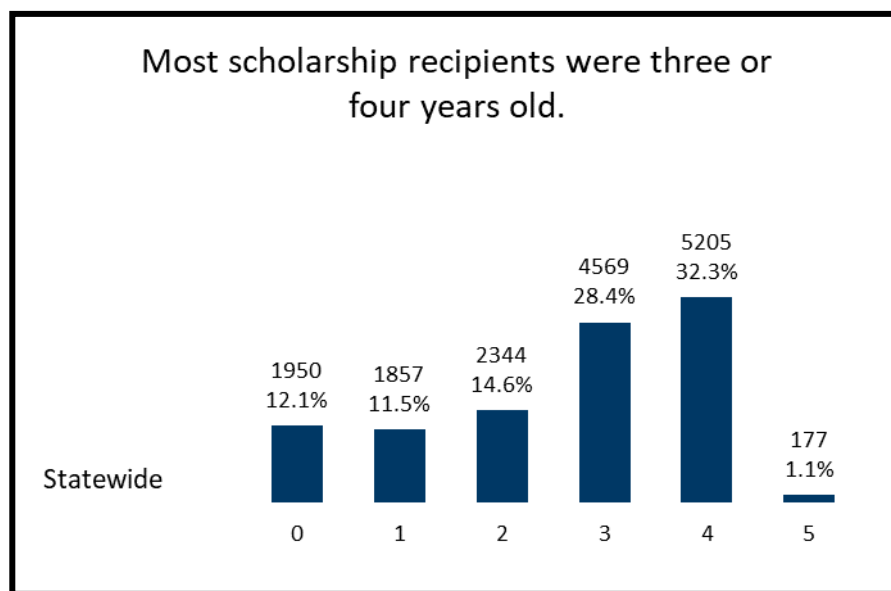


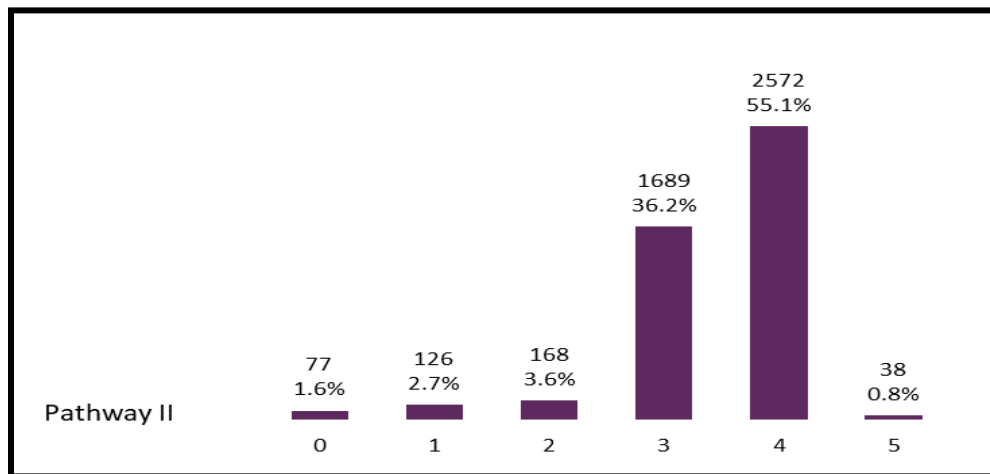
[Refer to Appendix G: Housing Insecurity – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2024.](#)

State Demographics

Age on September 1, 2023

The majority of children who received a scholarship were age 3 or 4 as of September 1, 2023, the standard ages of eligibility. Significantly higher percentages of Pathway II scholarships were awarded to children of these ages; Pathway I awarding is more distributed across all ages served. The higher numbers of children ages 3 and 4 who received a Pathway II scholarship is attributable to common use of these funds to provide services in a preschool model.





Approximately 38 percent of children awarded statewide were under age 3, an age group extended eligibility if they are either in a priority population identified in statute or the younger sibling of an active scholarship recipient attending the same program at the time of award. Pathway I scholarship recipients represent the bulk of this count.

A relatively small number of the children awarded a scholarship in FY 2024 were 5 years old as of September 1, 2023. These 5-year-olds lost age eligibility for a scholarship as of September 1, however they received a scholarship for some portion of the period between July 1 and their final day of eligibility, August 31, 2023, and so were retained in the full count of scholarships.

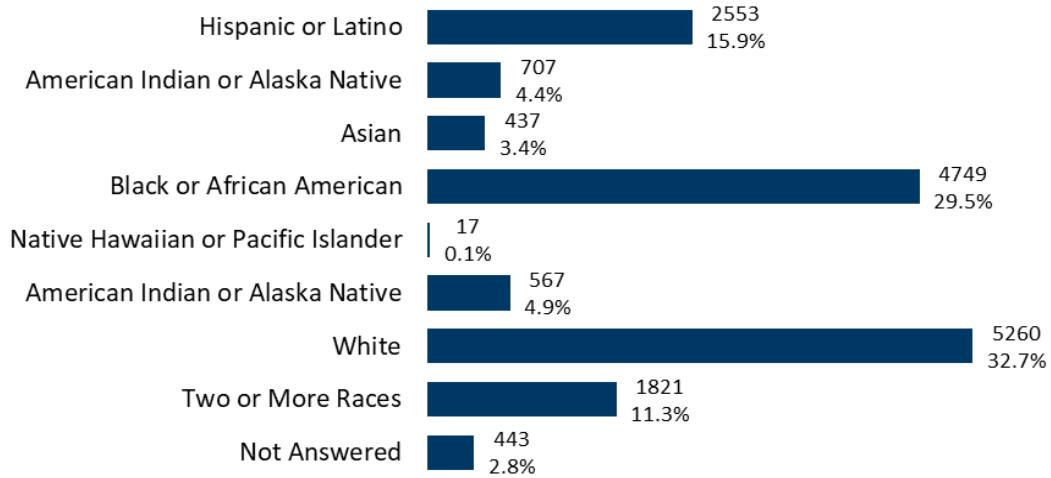
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Race and Ethnicity

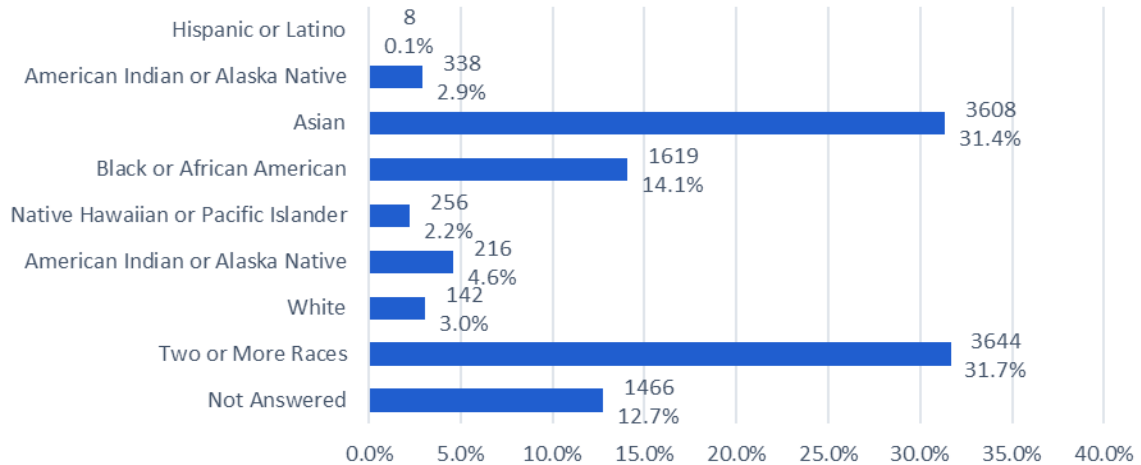
The race and ethnicity of children who received a new or renewed scholarship in state fiscal year 2023 were collected on scholarship applications with multiple versions as well as carried over from a previous year's entries in the case of renewals. Applicants were able to report one or multiple selections of race and ethnicity as well as to complete the form without a selection of either or both on the initial application for a scholarship and the renewal form.

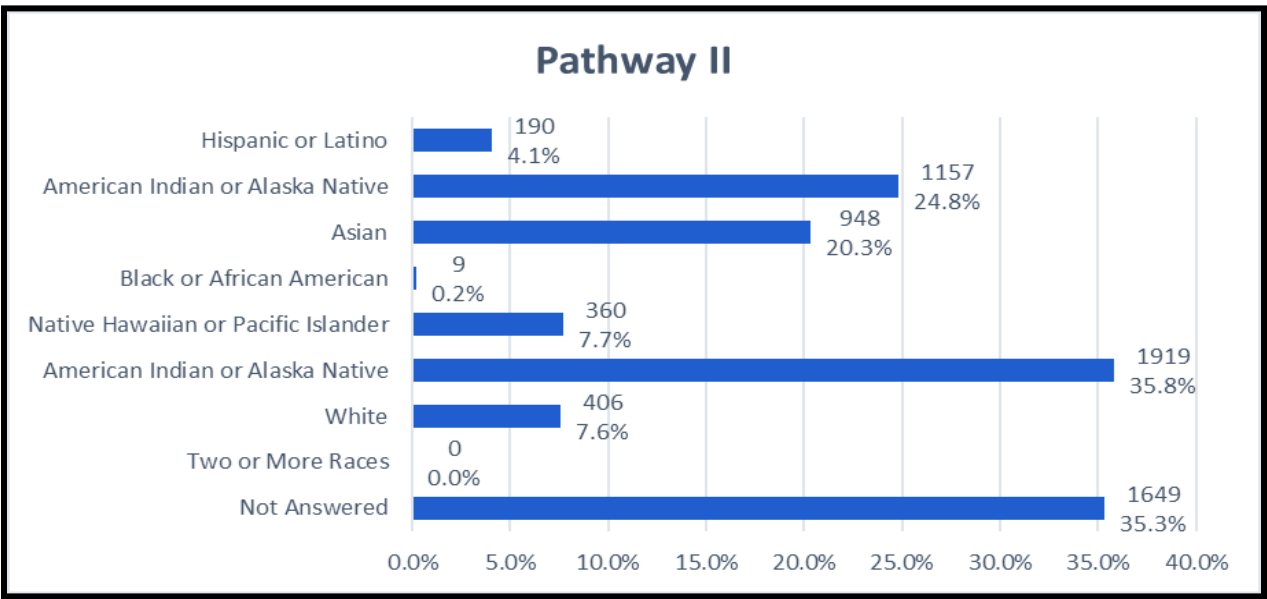
On Early Learning Scholarships applications prior to the FY 2019 version, the list of races included an "Other" option. In reporting previous to FY 2021, the "Other" responses may have been included in the "Not Answered" count. Between FY 2018 and FY 2019, the response of "Other" was removed from the application, however it was retained as an option in the system collection and some records in the primary data set had this selection. "Other" responses have been reported separately from "Not Answered" in the chart that follows in this section as well as in the data table found in Appendix C.

Race and Ethnicity of Scholarship Recipients Statewide



Pathway I



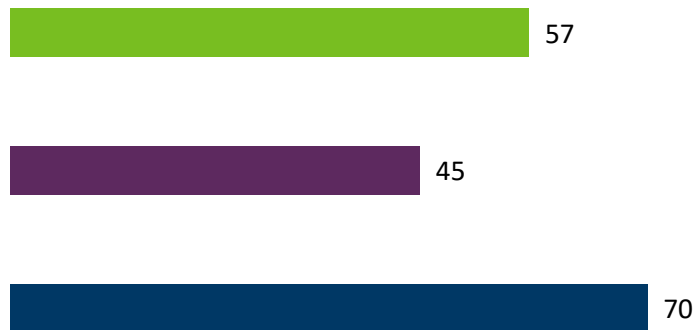


Home Language

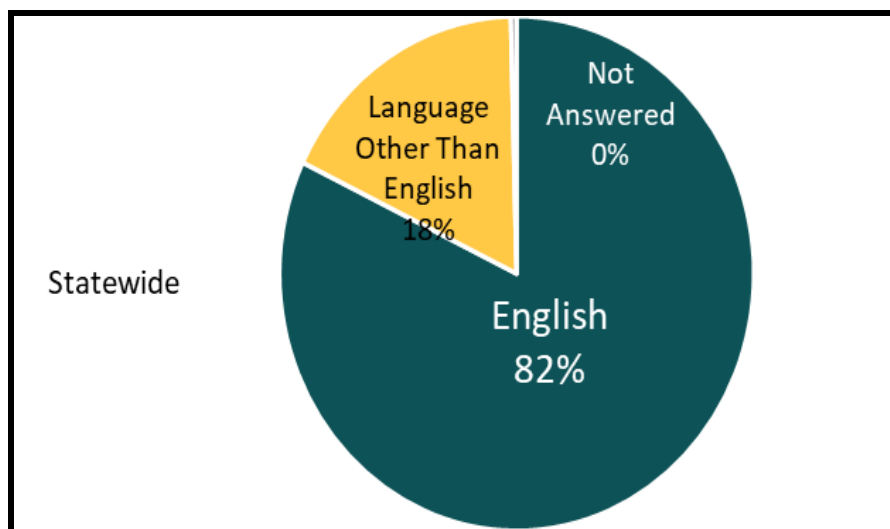
The families of children awarded FY 2024 state early learning scholarships were asked on the application to report the language they spoke most at home. A total of 70 different home languages were reported statewide.

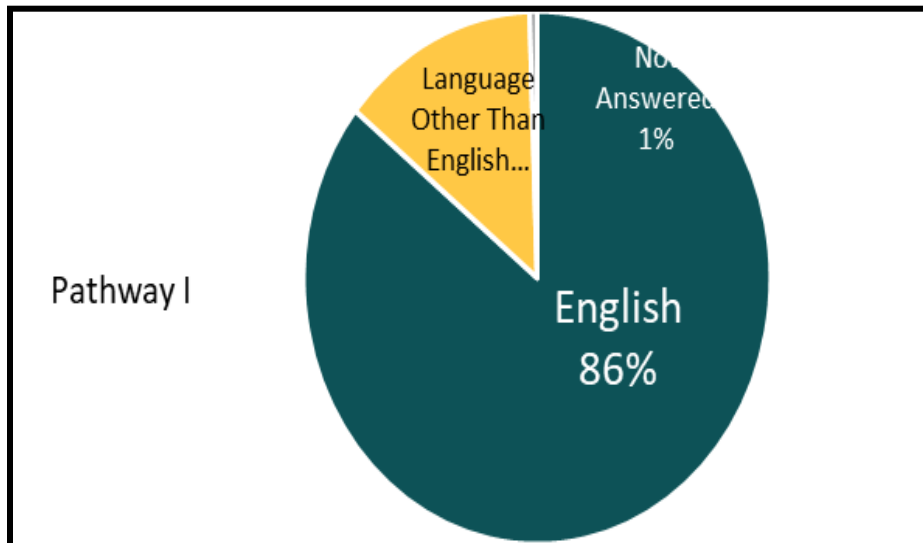
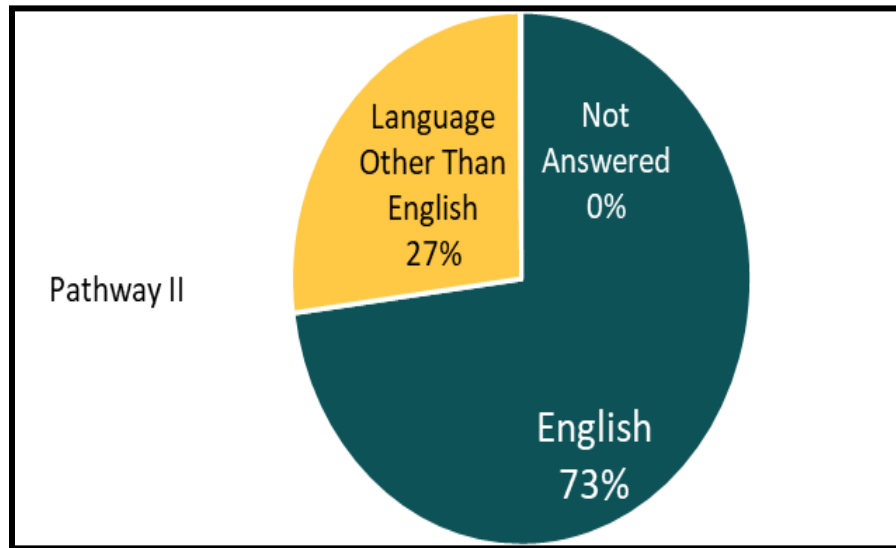
pathway	Total Languages
All Scholarships	70
PathWay1	57
PathWay2	45

Families who benefit from scholarships speak many different



The number of





[Refer to Appendix D: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Home Language – FY 2024.](#)

How Applicants Qualified

Applicants have two options to demonstrate their income eligibility for a state early learning scholarship of either pathway: Option 1 and Option 2.

To demonstrate income eligibility under Option 1, an applicant must document their family's current participation in one of eight public assistance or publicly-funded programs:

- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Food Support (SNAP)
- Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program (FRPL)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Head Start
- Foster Care
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

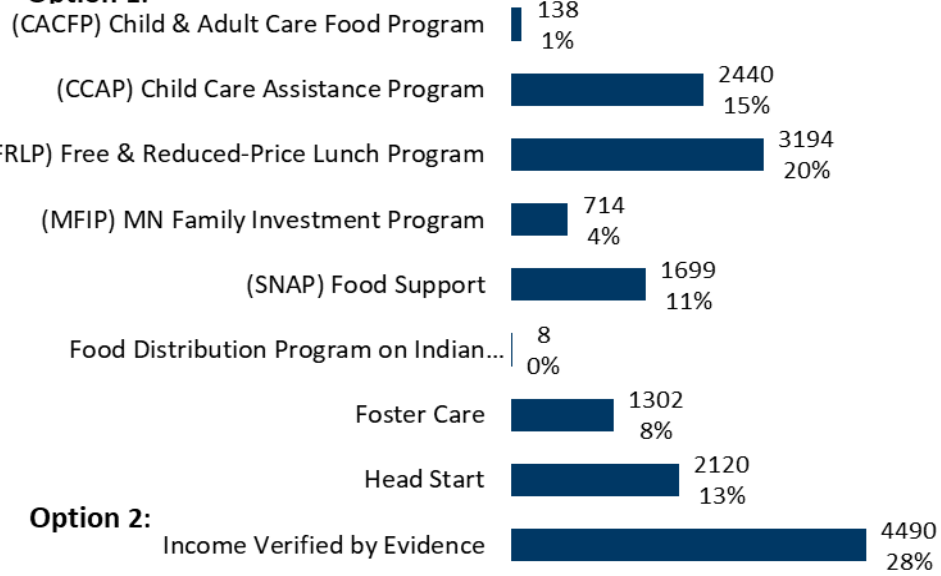
Families may be participating in and/or benefitting from multiple public programs. In previous years, only the public program that was reported for the purpose of determining scholarship eligibility was captured. In June 2020, MDE began capturing additional family public program participation responses from the list above in ELSA. The data associated with FY 2024 scholarships is available in the [Family Participation in Other Public Programs](#) section later in this report.

Applicants who do not document their eligibility through Option 1 may do so using Option 2, which requires they submit evidence of their household income. To be eligible under this option, families must have income equal to or less than 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines that are in effect at the start of the state fiscal year of the scholarship (FY 2024 began July 1, 2023).

In the statewide count, 75.7 percent of children awarded a state early learning scholarship in FY 2024 qualified as income-eligible under Option 1. Most children eligible under Option 1 demonstrated participation in the Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program (FRPL). The breakdown by pathway type illustrates this is due to common use of FRPL as the qualifier for those children being awarded in Pathway II-funded programs. This is likely attributable to the high representation of school district programs in the group, as district programs may more readily determine participation in FRPL. The higher qualification under Head Start is also easily tied back to the makeup of the group of programs funded with Pathway II, as many are Head Start programs. Some differences in the Pathway I qualification categories also impacted the statewide count significantly. Notably, compared to Pathway II recipients, a Pathway I scholarship recipient was much more likely to qualify under: Option 2; Foster Care; CCAP; MFIP or SNAP, both of which are entitlement programs and do not have capped allocations.

Income Eligibility Qualification Statewide

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Option 2:



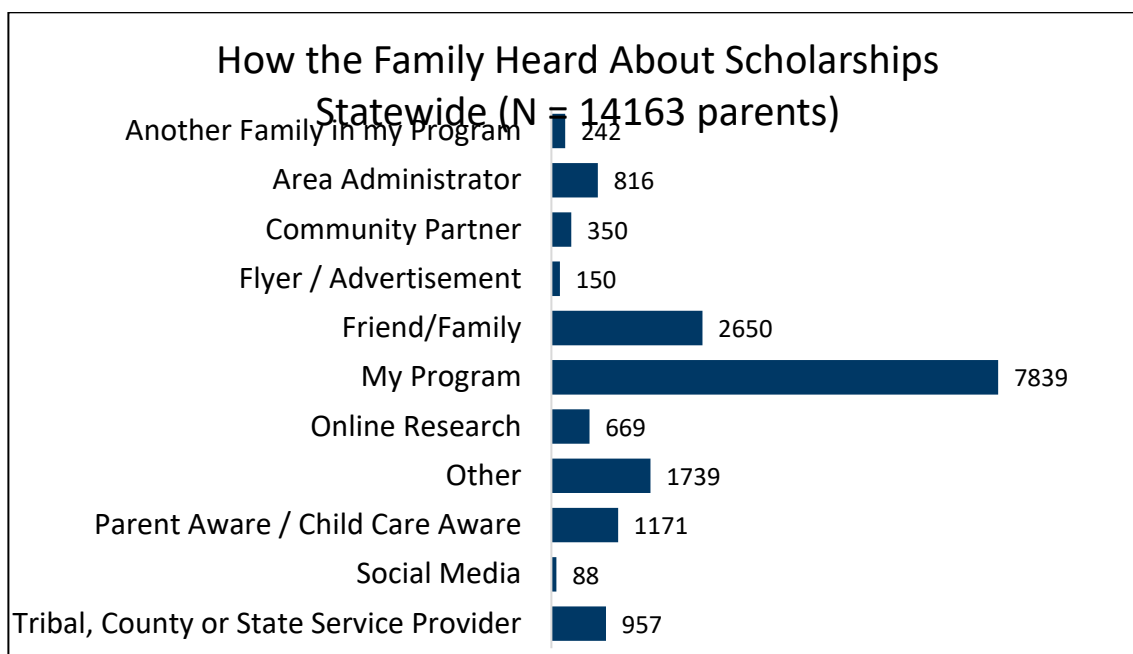
[Refer to Appendix H: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Income Qualifier – FY 2024.](#)

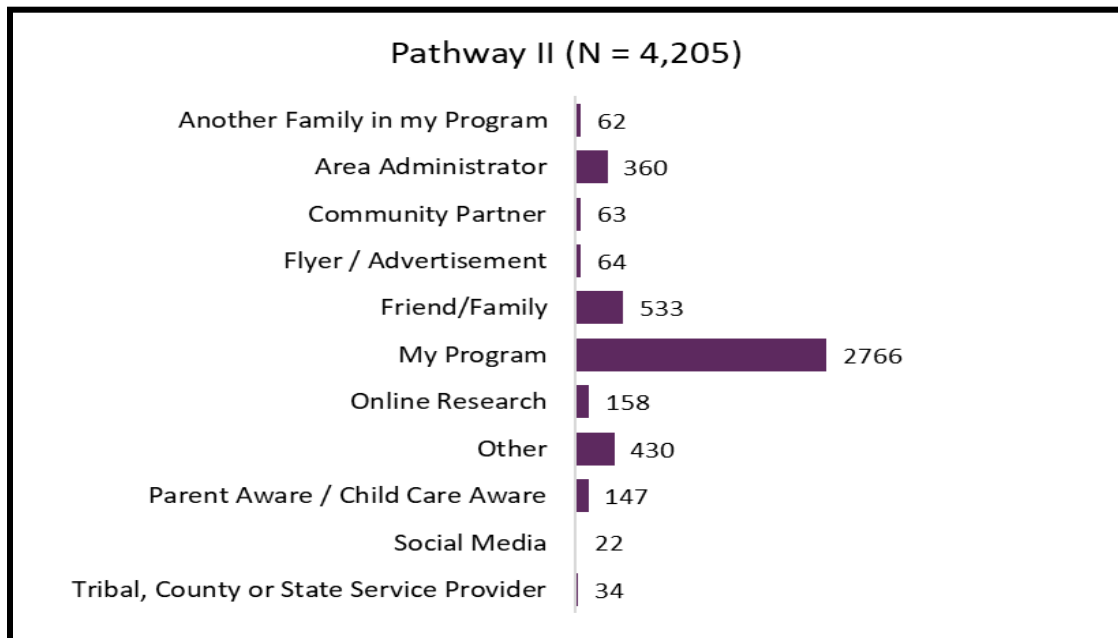
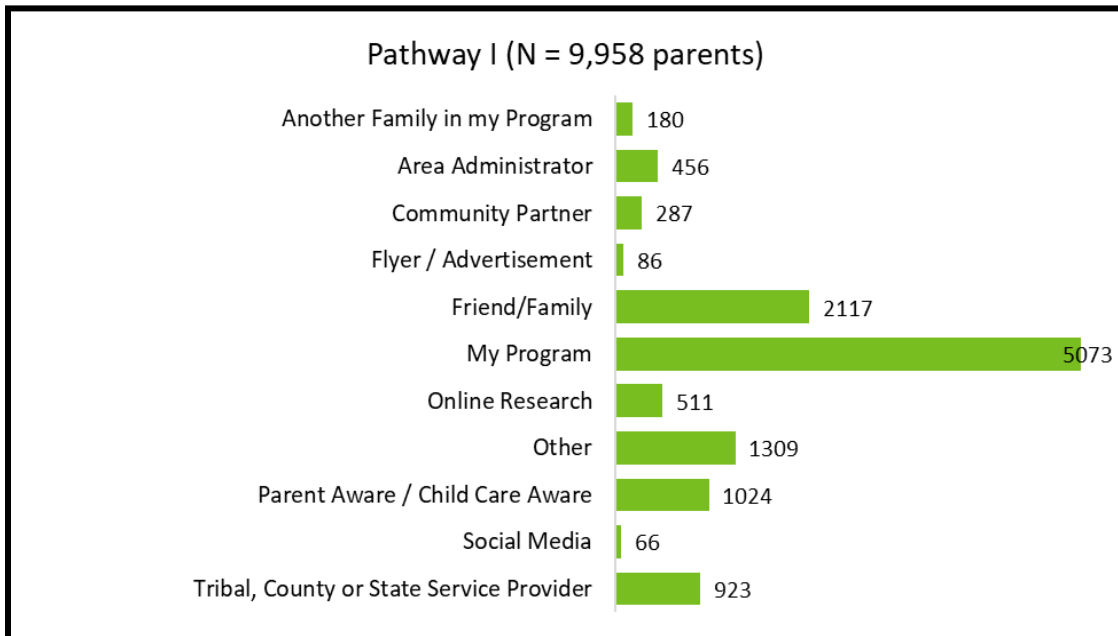
How the Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships

Early Learning Scholarships application forms ask how the family heard about Early Learning Scholarships.

A response is optional.

The data set for this report included responses from 14,163 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (9,958 with a Pathway I scholarship and 4,205 with a Pathway II scholarship). In this set, the most common response was “My Program,” which was selected by about 55 percent of responding families statewide. Even when split out by pathway type, “My Program” is by far the most common reported source of a family’s awareness of Early Learning Scholarships. However, there is more variation in the responses from families of Pathway I recipients.





[Refer to Appendix I: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2024.](#)

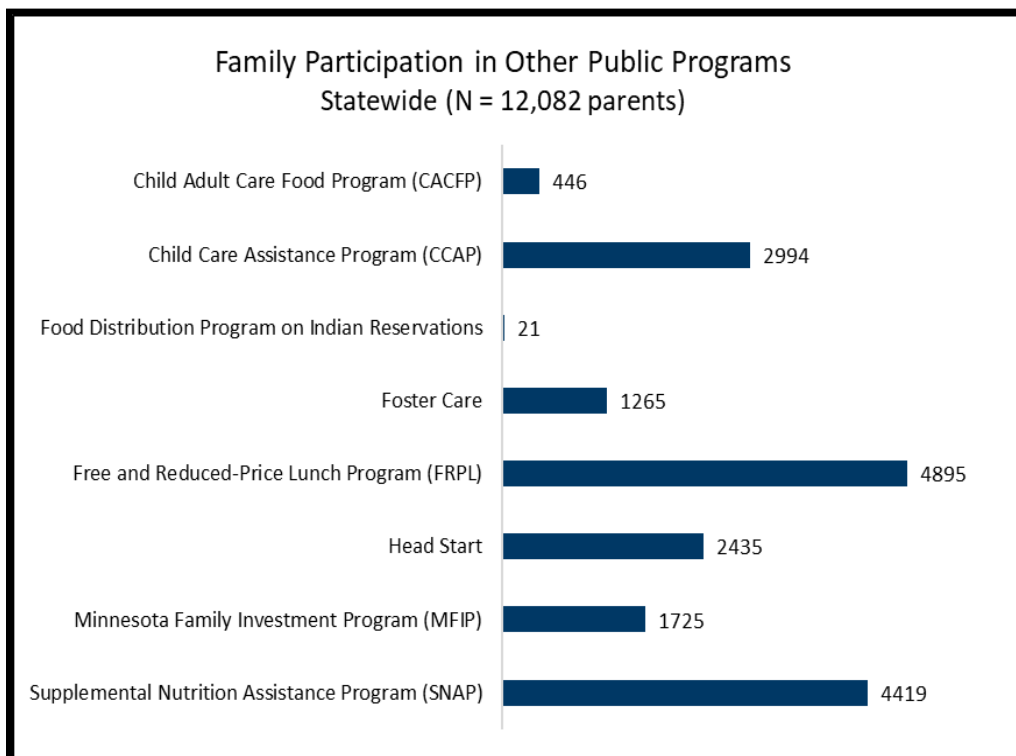
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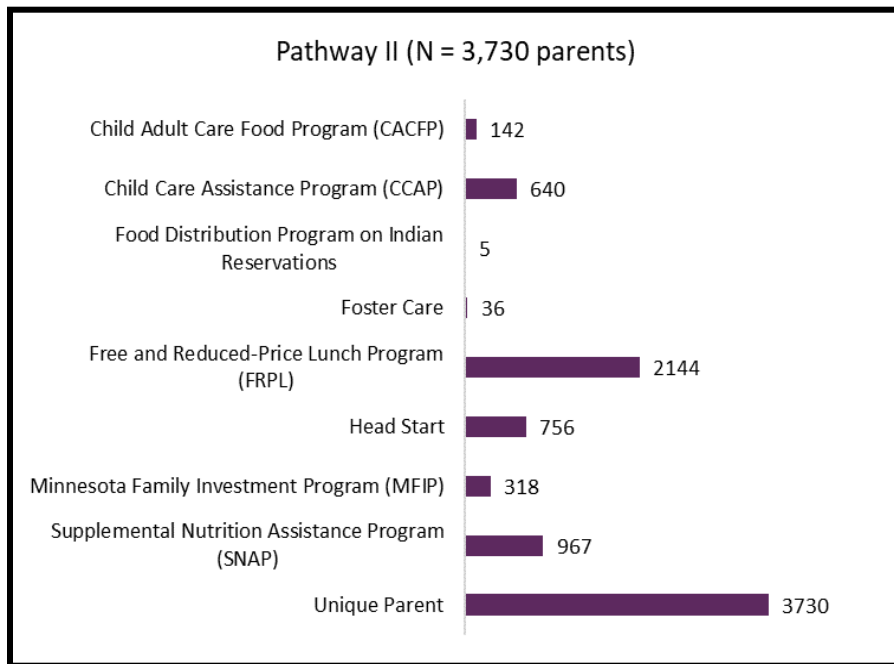
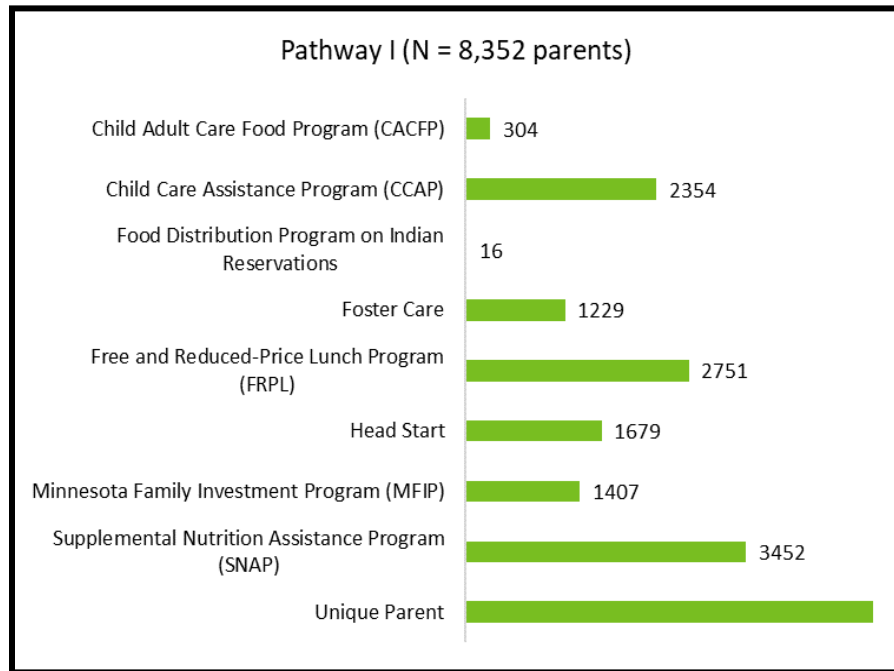
Family Participation in Other Public Programs

On the scholarship application, there has been an opportunity to indicate the family's participation in one or more of the public programs that demonstrates income eligibility for Early Learning Scholarship under Option 1 since at least FY 2016. The FY 2020 version of the scholarship application clarified that the applicant should indicate their participation in all of the public programs that applied, not only the one they wished to use to demonstrate income eligibility. Refer to the [How Applicants Qualified](#) section in this report for related details.

In June 2020, MDE updated the ELSA system to support collection of all responses indicating participation in one or more of the public programs associated with scholarship eligibility. The data set for this report included responses from 12,082 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (8,352 with a Pathway I and 3,730 with a Pathway II scholarship).

Note: Data on the public program participation of Early Learning Scholarships recipients that incorporates other sources can be found in the Birth to Pre-K reports area of the [Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System \(ECLDS\)](#).





[Refer to Appendix K: Family Public Program Participation – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2024.](#)

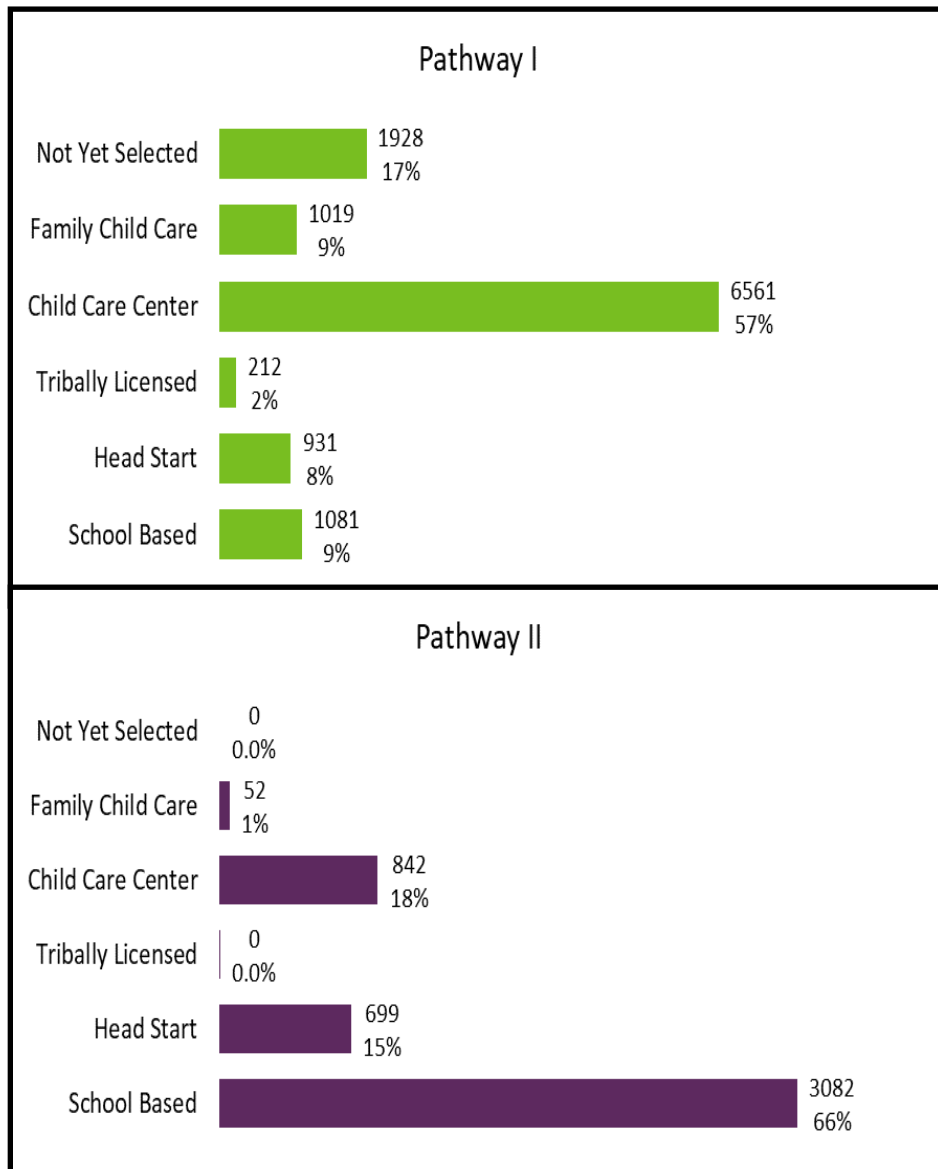
Scholarship Use in Early Childhood Programs

The reporting in this section centers on the early education and care programs (early childhood programs) where early learning scholarships were used for children awarded between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024 (FY 2024).

The data set utilized only included programs identified as selected to serve a scholarship recipient at some point between the start of FY 2024 and November 2, 2024. A scholarship year is the 12-month period beginning on the date a child is awarded funds. Of note, the state made a determination to restart all scholarships on July 1, 2024 the next fiscal year, (and subsequent years to follow) allowing those with an active scholarship on June 30th to continue to receive funds, to ensure their award could be at least 12 months per statute. This change was administrative and based on feedback from families, programs, and administrators, both Pathway I Area Administrators, and Pathway II program administrators that the revolving and overlapping fiscal years was confusing and a burden, often resulting in late or non-renewals, or missed payment requests by programs.

Breakdowns are provided in various configurations by pathway type, Parent Aware Star Rating, county, region, or some combination of these groupings. Duplicate counts are possible and expected as children may change pathway types as well as programs and sites of attendance within a scholarship year. Statewide data for program and site is unduplicated, with the count of a scholarship with program records of more than one type going to the program type that was selected for the longest period.

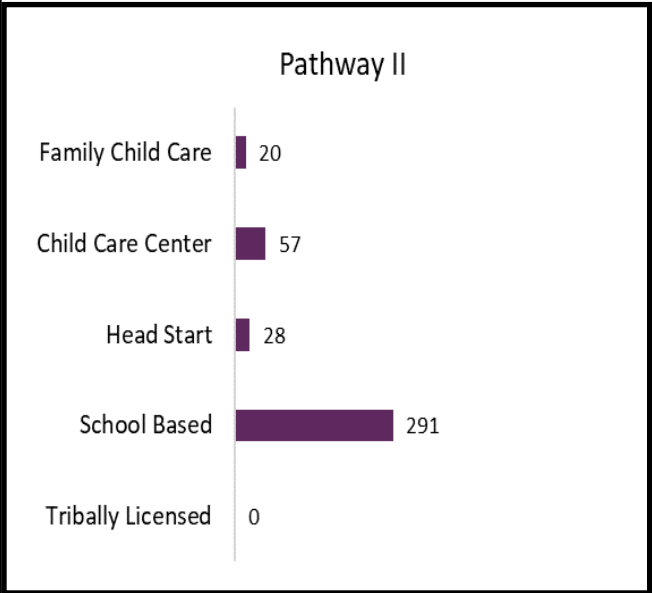
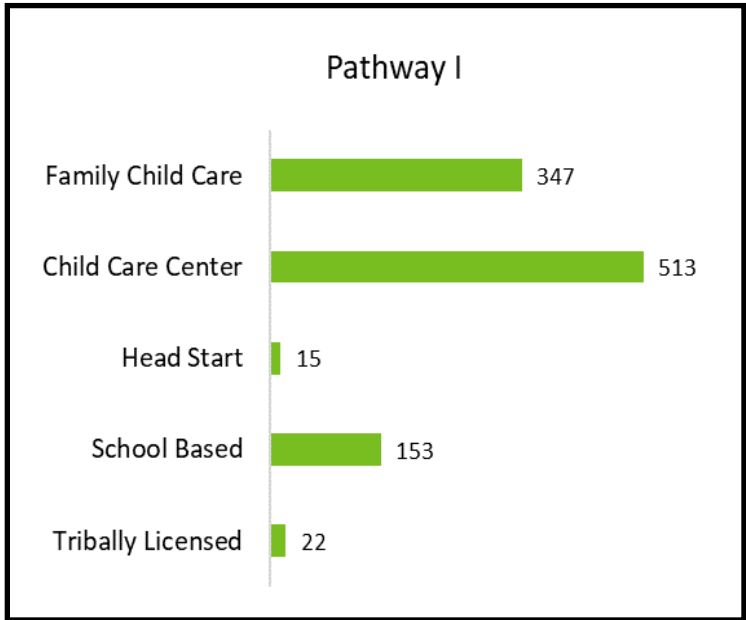
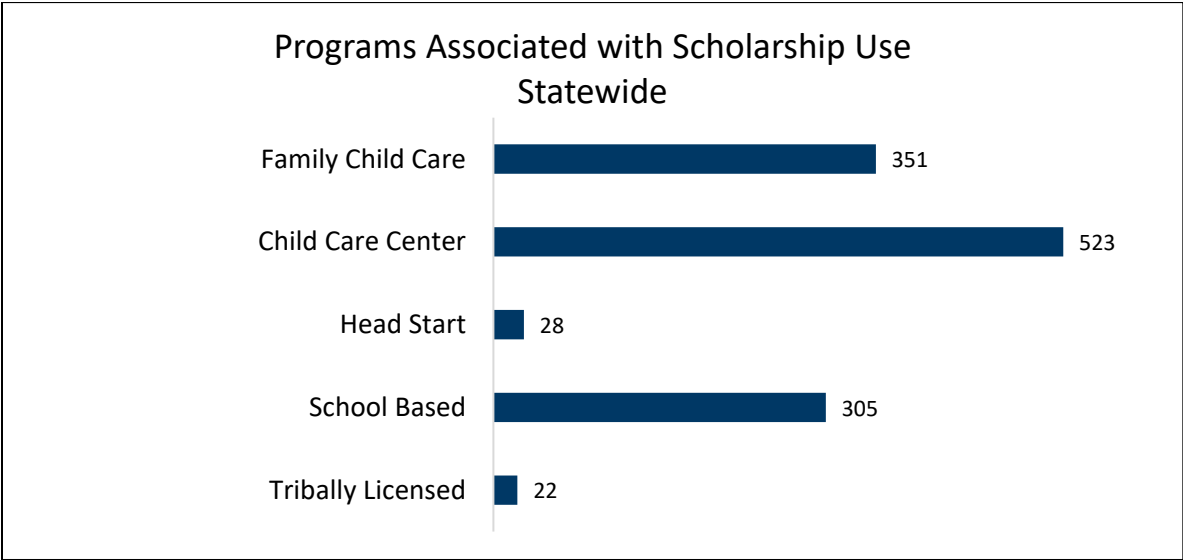
All Pathway II scholarships were awarded directly by one of the 396 programs allocated those funds in FY 2024; a requirement of eligibility is that the program be Parent Aware Four-Star Rated. Pathway I scholarships may be awarded prior to selection of an eligible program by the family. As a result, in some charts and tables in this section, “Not Yet Selected” and “Not Applicable” (NA) are used.



[Refer to Appendix L: Child Counts and Percentages by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2024.](#)

Programs Associated with Scholarship Use

MDE tracks relationships between individual scholarship awards and early childhood programs at a program level for the purpose of general administration under the Early Learning Scholarships Program. A distinct school district, charter school, or Head Start grantee is considered a program, though any of these may have more than one associated service site. Additionally, Parent Aware applies criteria related to licensing and organizational structure to determine groupings of child care sites under identified programs. MDE utilizes those Parent Aware-designated child care programs for the purpose of Early Learning Scholarships administration and reporting.



[Refer to Appendix M: Program Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2024.](#)

Sites (of a Program) Associated with Scholarship Use

Sites are the physical locations of an early childhood program that children attend for services. For childcare, site ties to a license number, so it may be preferable to use site count as opposed to program count for comparisons to other early learning program types.

[Refer to Appendix N: Site Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2024.](#)

Pathway I Scholarship Use

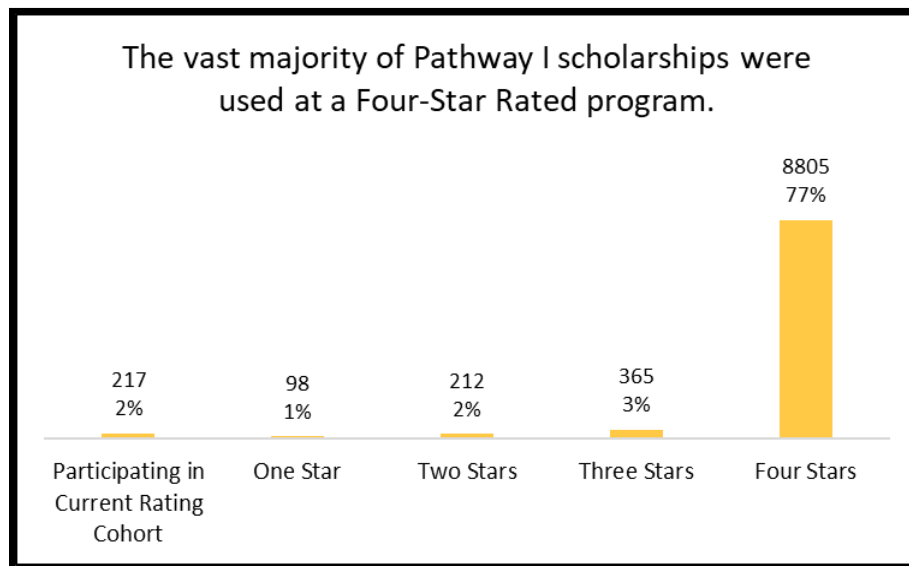
State Early Learning Scholarships – Pathway I awarded in FY 2024 could be used at any early childhood program participating in Parent Aware. This includes programs with an active Parent Aware Star Rating as well as those programs in a current full rating cohort. In the population of records used for this reporting, 17.4 percent (1,928) of children who were awarded a FY 2024 Pathway I scholarship did not have a program selected for use as of November 2, 2024.

Note: As provided in statute, a family is permitted up to 10 months to select an eligible program where they intend to use their child’s scholarship. Effective July 1, 2024, this changes to 3 months, though families can apply for an extension if there are no programs available to enroll their child that meets their needs.

Pathway I Scholarship Use – Parent Aware Star Rating

The vast majority of FY 2024 Pathway I scholarships, 77 percent, were used in Four-Star Rated programs. When considered together, use at Three- and Four-Star Rated programs represents 80 percent of Pathway I

scholarships. As noted earlier in this section, all Pathway II-funded programs are Four-Star Rated, as that is a requirement of eligibility for those funds.



[Refer to Appendix O: Pathway I – Child Counts by Program Parent Aware Rating – FY 2024.](#)

Pathway I Scholarship Use – Program Type and Parent Aware Star Rating

The table below provides counts of Pathway I scholarship recipients by program type and Parent Aware Star Rating sourced from program selection records through November 2, 2024. It is a duplicated count, as a child may move to different programs within their scholarship year.

Head Start and school-based programs (school districts and charter schools) participating in Parent Aware are only eligible to be either Four-Star Rated or considered as not participating. In consideration of this, “NA” (not applicable) is used in place of a count for all ratings less than Four Stars for both program types.

Program Rating	Family Childcare	Childcare Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Participating in Current Rating Cohort	68	144	NA	NA	5
One Star	45	53	NA	NA	0
Two Stars	80	115	NA	NA	18
Three Stars	143	197	NA	NA	27
Four Stars	692	6109	931	1081	164
Total	1028	6618	931	1081	214

Scholarship Use by Region and County

Early Learning Scholarships Program data collections made through ELSA include a primary address entry for the awarded child as well as program and site address records. There are also optional entries for additional addresses associated with one or more parent/guardian. Reporting does not make use of the optional address collections in determining region or county location of scholarship use.

If a child changed program or site of attendance or scholarship pathway type, a duplicate count is possible in reporting at the region, county, and pathway type levels. The statewide count includes a child only once.

The local supply of eligible programs and slots in eligible programs impacts the choices available to families and so the services a child receives. However, the data set used in this reporting is not able to provide specific insights regarding supply, only use of state early learning scholarships.

Also included in this section are counts by Tribal Area Administrator. The tribal area administration of Pathway I scholarships includes children who reside on tribal land and/or are children of members or who have otherwise been determined to have a relationship with the tribal organization. The children included in tribal area counts are also included in the regional counts.

Region and County Totals by Pathway Type – Child Residence

Based on the primary address of the child, the charts in Appendix P provide totals by pathway type at a county, regional, and tribal administrator level. Tribally awarded scholarships are also reflected in county and region counts. Pathway II scholarships are administered directly by school based and Head Start programs. Milestones, one of the Pathway I Area Administrators, also administers Pathway II scholarships for all child care Pathway II awards.

[Refer to Appendix P: Child Counts by Region, County and Pathway Type – FY 20243.](#)

Region and County Totals by Program Type – Program Location

The county of the site selected for early childhood services on a scholarship was used to determine child scholarship counts by county and region. The counts are provided in tables specific to both region and pathway type. For Pathway I scholarships, counts are only included for those with a selected program site of attendance.

[Refer to Appendix Q: Child Counts by Region, County and Program Type – Pathway I and II – FY 2024.](#)

Pathway I Scholarship Use by Region and Parent Aware Star Rating

The county of the site selected for early childhood services on a Pathway I scholarship was used to determine counts by county and region. The site record also reflects the Parent Aware Star Rating held by the program with which it is associated; the rating in the site record was used for counts by Star Rating. For Pathway I scholarships, counts are only included for those with a program selection history indicating one or more site of attendance.

[Refer to Appendix R: Pathway I – Child Counts by Region, County and Star Rating – FY 2024.](#)

Pathway I Wait List: June 30, 2024

Area Administrator and Tribal Area Administrator organizations report Early Learning Scholarships–Pathway I wait list counts to MDE on a monthly basis. The wait list for a given month reflects the number of children who were prescreened, after submitting an application, as eligible for a state early learning scholarship but who were not awarded by the final day of the reporting month. The counts detailed in Appendix S of this report are those current as of June 30, 2024, the final day of state fiscal year 2024

At the close of FY 2024, the statewide wait list for a Pathway I scholarship totaled 120 children. This is considerably lower than other years due to the increase in the FY24 Scholarship appropriation. The following

regions had no wait list at the end of FY24: 1, 3, 4, 6E, 6W, 7W, 8. And the two Tribal administrators, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and White Earth Nation. The metro, Region 11, had the largest wait list of 93 children.

[Refer to Appendix S: Pathway I – Final Wait List – FY 2024.](#)

Appendices

Appendix A: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type – FY 2024

FY 2024	Pathway I	Pathway I % of Total	Pathway II	Pathway II % of Total	Total
Statewide	11504	71%	4,670	29%	16,100

Appendix B: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Age on September 1 – FY 2024

Pathway	Total	<1	1	2	3	4	5
Pathway I Counts	11506	1874	1733	2180	2921	2659	139
Pathway I %	100%	16.3%	15.1%	18.9%	25.4%	23.1%	1.2%
Pathway II Counts	4670	77	126	168	1689	2572	38
Pathway II %	100%	1.6%	2.7%	3.6%	36.2%	55.1%	0.8%
Statewide Counts	16100	1950	1857	2344	4569	5205	177
Statewide %	100%	12.1%	11.5%	14.6%	28.4%	32.3%	1.1%

Appendix C: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Race and Ethnicity – FY 2024

FY 2024	Pathway I	% of Children in Pathway I	Pathway II	% of Children in Pathway II	Statewide Total	% of Children Statewide
Hispanic or Latino	1619	14.1%	948	20.3%	2553	15%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	567	4.9%	142	3.0%	707	4.46%
Asian	338	2.9%	216	4.6%	553	3.6%
Black or African American	3608	31.4%	1157	24.8%	4749	27.1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	8	0.1%	9	0.2%	17	0.1%
White	3644	31.7%	1649	35.3%	5260	32.7%
Two or More Races	1466	12.7%	360	7.7%	1821	11.3%
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Not Answered	256	2.2%	190	4.1%	443	2.8%

FY 2024	Pathway I	% of Children in Pathway I	Pathway II	% of Children in Pathway II	Statewide Total	% of Children Statewide
Total	9887	100%	3723	100%	13550	100%

Appendix D: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Home Language – FY 2024

The list of languages distinctly identified in the table below was limited to the 10 most frequently reported languages in addition to English.

Home Language	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
English	9871	3407	13219
Spanish	650	613	1255
Somali	414	327	737
Hmong	73	57	130
Karen	56	48	103
Amharic	47	46	93
Arabic	53	23	76
Oromo, Afan Oromo, Oromiffa	59	31	90
French	22	11	33

Home Language	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Vietnamese	16	18	34
Russian	9	2	11
Other Language Combined	176	82	256
Not Answered	58	5	63
Total	11504	4670	16100

Appendix E: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Priority Population – FY 2024

Priority Populations	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Children of Teen Parent	186	13	199
Foster Care	1260	51	1305
Children Receiving Child Protective Services	574	13	586
Experiencing Homelessness	4358	407	4751
Total	6378	484	6841

Appendix F: Statewide Child Counts by Age on September 1 and Priority Population – FY 2024

Priority Populations	Total	<1	1	2	3	4	5*
Children of Teen Parent	199	86	42	32	26	12	1
Foster Care	1305	211	200	247	303	310	34
Children Receiving Child Protective Services	586	126	115	107	131	101	6
Experiencing Homelessness	4753	702	738	928	1159	1152	74
Total	6843	1125	1095	1314	1619	1575	115

*The 5-year-olds who received a FY 2024 scholarship were newly awarded or renewed in the period from July 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023. These 5-year-olds were no longer age-eligible for a scholarship as of September 1, 2023.

Appendix G: Housing Insecurity – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2024

Housing Insecurity	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Car, outside or public space	28	374	402
Doubling up temporarily with other family or friends	2899	412	3311
Hotel, motel or trailer	710	83	793
Moving from place to place	2179	267	2446

Housing Insecurity	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Shelter	769	86	855
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	1752	192	1944
Total	8337	1414	9751

Appendix H: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Income Qualifier – FY 2024

Income Qualifier	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Option 1: Child and Adult Care Food Programs (CACFP)	80	1%	60	1%	138	1%
Option 1: Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	1875	16%	575	12%	2440	15%
Option 1: Free & Reduced-Price Meals Program (FRPL)	1276	11%	1943	42%	3194	20%
Option 1: MN Family Investment Program (MFIP)	655	6%	60	1%	714	4%
Option 1: Food Support (SNAP)	1336	12%	369	8%	1699	11%

Income Qualifier	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Option 1: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations	7	0.06%	1	0.02%	8	0.05%
Option 1: Foster Care	1276	11%	29	1%	1302	8%
Option 1: Head Start	1399	12%	29	1%	2120	13%
Option 2: Income Verified by Evidence	3604	31%	900	19%	4490	28%

Appendix I: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2024

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Another Family in My Program	180	62	242
Area Administrator	456	360	816
Community Partner	287	63	350

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Flyer/Advertisement	86	64	150
Friend/Family	2117	533	2650
My Program	5073	2766	7839
Online Research	511	158	669
Parent Aware/Child Care Aware	1024	147	1171
Social Media	66	22	88
Tribal, County or State Service Provider	923	34	957
Other	1309	430	1739
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	1651	366	2017
Total	12674	4456	17130

Appendix J: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Program Type – FY 2024

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Another Family in My Program	0	180	0	62	0
Area Administrator	0	456	0	360	0
Community Partner	0	287	0	63	0
Flyer/Advertisement	0	86	0	64	0
Friend/Family	0	2117	0	533	0
My Program	0	5073	0	2766	0
Online Research	0	511	0	158	0
Parent Aware/Child Care Aware	0	1024	0	147	0
Social Media	0	66	0	22	0
Tribal, County or State Service Provider	0	923	0	34	0
Other	0	1309	0	430	0
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	0	1651	0	366	0
Total	0	13683	0	5005	0

Appendix K: Family Public Program Participation – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2024

Family Public Program Participation	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	304	142	446
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	2354	640	2994
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations	16	5	21
Foster Care	1229	36	1265
Free or Reduced-Price Meals Program (FRP)	2751	2144	4895
Head Start	1679	756	2435
Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)	1407	318	1725
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	3452	967	4419
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	3058	853	3911

Family Public Program Participation	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Total	13576	5074	18650

Appendix L: Child Counts and Percentages by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2024

Program Type	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Not Yet Selected	1928	17%	0	0%	1928	12%
Family Child Care	1019	9%	52	1%	1066	7%
Child Care Center	6561	57%	842	18%	7390	46%
Tribally Licensed	212	2%	0	0%	212	1%
Head Start	931	8%	699	15%	1629	10%
School Based	1081	9%	3082	66%	4151	26%

Appendix M: Program Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2024

Program Type	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Family Child Care	1019	52	1066
Child Care Center	6561	842	7390
Tribally Licensed	212	0	212
Head Start	931	699	1629

Program Type	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
School Based	1081	3082	4151

Appendix N: Site Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2024

Program Type	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Family Child Care	347	20	351
Child Care Center	513	57	523
Tribally Licensed	22	0	22
Head Start	15	28	28
School Based	153	291	305

Appendix O: Pathway I – Child Counts by Program Parent Aware Rating – FY 2024

Program Rating	Count	Percent
Not Yet Selected	1928	17%
Participating in Current Rating Cohort	217	2%
One Star	98	1%
Two Stars	212	2%
Three Stars	365	3%
Four Stars	8805	77%

Appendix P: Child Counts by Region, County and Pathway Type – FY 2024

Region 1	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Kittson	1	7	8
Marshall	10	9	19
Norman	17	15	32
Pennington	25	25	50
Polk	88	34	121
Red Lake	9	11	20
Roseau	6	16	22
Total	156	117	272

Region 2	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Beltrami	215	48	263
Clearwater	29	16	45
Hubbard	146	11	157
Lake of the Woods	3	5	8
Mahnomen	77	10	87

Region 2	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Total	485	117	602

Region 3	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Aitkin	23	22	45
Carlton	101	44	145
Cook	18	0	18
Itasca	146	89	235
Koochiching	42	5	47
Lake	43	5	48
St. Louis	426	146	572
Total	799	311	1110

Region 4	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Becker	270	38	308
Clay	113	56	169

Region 4	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Douglas	41	5	46
Grant	6	4	10
Otter Tail	66	65	131
Pope	9	4	13
Stevens	14	16	30
Traverse	0	7	7
Wilkin	4	9	13
Total	519	188	707

Region 5	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Cass	104	31	135
Crow Wing	161	61	222
Morrison	62	16	78
Todd	47	27	74
Wadena	26	22	48
Total	423	177	600

Region 6E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Kandiyohi	145	59	204
McLeod	49	28	77
Meeker	48	10	58
Renville	9	31	40
Total	251	128	379

Region 6W	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Big Stone	17	11	28
Chippewa	19	20	39
Lac Qui Parle	25	7	32
Swift	23	12	35
Yellow Medicine	21	16	37
Total	105	66	171

Region 7E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Chisago	72	25	97
Isanti	47	26	73
Kanabec	26	24	50
Mille Lacs	74	21	95
Pine	45	41	86
Total	264	137	401

Region 7W	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Benton	168	44	212
Sherburne	210	28	238
Stearns	350	162	512
Wright	189	84	273
Total	917	318	1235

Region 8	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Cottonwood	23	19	42

Region 8	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Jackson	5	7	12
Lincoln	3	15	18
Lyon	49	38	87
Murray	13	7	20
Nobles	55	66	121
Pipestone	16	4	20
Redwood	9	20	29
Rock	14	14	28
Total	187	190	377

Region 9	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Blue Earth	31	54	85
Brown	31	21	52
Faribault	1	23	24
Le Sueur	16	30	46
Martin	5	33	38

Region 9	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Nicollet	11	24	35
Sibley	5	18	23
Waseca	13	24	37
Watsonwan	9	44	53
Total	122	271	393

Region 10	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Dodge	30	19	49
Fillmore	5	35	40
Freeborn	62	37	99
Goodhue	40	54	94
Houston	3	14	17
Mower	28	40	68
Olmsted	633	82	715
Rice	97	55	152
Steele	31	32	64

Region 10	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Wabasha	9	22	31
Winona	86	44	130
Total	1024	434	1458

Region 11	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Anoka	478	475	753
Carver	113	30	143
Dakota	1053	298	1351
Hennepin	2516	970	3486
Ramsey	1549	457	2006
Scott	273	78	351
Washington	307	140	447
Total	6289	2248	8537

Tribal Administrative Area	Pathway I
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	112

Tribal Administrative Area	Pathway I
White Earth Nation	174

Appendix Q: Child Counts by Region, County and Program Type – Pathway I and II – FY 2024

Region 1 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kittson	1	0	0	0	0
Marshall	6	4	0	0	0
Norman	3	10	0	0	4
Pennington	23	2	0	0	0
Polk	44	14	22	5	3
Red Lake	8	1	0	0	0
Roseau	5	1	0	0	0
Total	90	32	22	5	7

Region 1 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kittson	0	0	4	3	0
Marshall	0	0	6	3	0

Region 1 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Norman	0	0	3	12	0
Pennington	0	0	6	19	0
Polk	0	0	9	25	0
Red Lake	0	0	0	11	0
Roseau	0	0	12	4	0
Total	0	0	40	77	0

Region 2 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Beltrami	73	28	24	22	47
Clearwater	20	1	1	5	5
Hubbard	58	2	68	5	2
Lake of the Woods	3	0	0	0	0
Mahnomen	0	0	12	0	60
Total	154	31	105	32	114

Region 2 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School based	Tribally licensed
Beltrami	2	36	10	0	0
Clearwater	0	0	6	10	0
Hubbard	0	0	3	8	0
Lake of the Woods	0	0	2	3	0
Mahnomen	0	0	8	2	0
Total	2	36	29	23	0

Region 3 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Aitkin	2	4	1	13	0
Carlton	11	51	12	20	0
Cook	6	8	0	4	0
Itasca	43	14	49	33	0
Koochiching	1	8	23	12	0
Lake	6	28	0	5	0
St. Louis	28	270	25	24	0

Region 3 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Total	97	383	110	111	0

Region 3 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Aitkin	0	0	0	22	0
Carlton	0	0	8	36	0
Cook	0	0	0	0	0
Itasca	4	0	34	51	0
Koochiching	0	0	0	5	0
Lake	0	0	0	5	0
St. Louis	0	0	61	85	0
Total	4	0	103	204	0

Region 4 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Becker	34	22	93	3	80
Clay	32	56	0	0	0

Region 4 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Douglas	7	14	0	3	0
Grant	1	1	0	1	0
Otter Tail	13	4	32	9	0
Pope	0	2	1	0	0
Stevens	2	2	0	7	0
Traverse	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkin	0	3	0	0	1
Total	89	104	126	23	81

Region 4 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Becker	1	0	19	18	0
Clay	1	0	9	46	0
Douglas	0	0	0	5	0
Grant	0	0	0	4	0
Otter Tail	0	0	2	63	0

Region 4 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Pope	0	0	0	4	0
Stevens	0	0	8	8	0
Traverse	0	0	1	6	0
Wilkin	0	0	0	9	0
Total	2	0	39	163	0

Region 5 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cass	20	22	26	13	6
Crow Wing	23	83	0	32	0
Morrison	15	17	0	22	0
Todd	8	32	0	4	0
Wadena	8	9	4	4	0
Total	74	163	30	75	6

Region 5 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cass	1	1	4	25	0
Crow Wing	0	0	0	61	0
Morrison	0	0	0	16	0
Todd	0	0	0	27	0
Wadena	0	0	0	22	0
Total	1	1	4	151	0

Region 6E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kandiyohi	26	85	0	27	0
McLeod	18	23	0	5	0
Meeker	7	26	0	14	0
Renville	1	7	0	2	0
Total	52	141	0	48	0

Region 6E – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kandiyohi	0	0	1	58	0
McLeod	0	0	0	28	0
Meeker	0	0	0	10	0
Renville	0	0	4	27	0
Total	0	0	5	123	0

Region 6W– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Big Stone	3	2	0	7	0
Chippewa	2	8	0	9	0
Lac Qui Parle	0	24	0	1	0
Swift	4	15	0	4	0
Yellow Medicine	7	0	0	13	0
Total	16	49	0	34	0

Region 6W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Big Stone	0	0	0	11	0
Chippewa	0	0	6	14	0
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	7	0
Swift	0	0	2	10	0
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	16	0
Total	0	0	8	58	0

Region 7E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Chisago	3	29	0	32	0
Isanti	1	35	0	7	0
Kanabec	11	11	0	1	0
Mille Lacs	10	48	1	10	0
Pine	5	25	1	8	0
Total	30	148	2	58	0

Region 7E – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Chisago	0	1	5	19	0
Isanti	0	0	1	25	0
Kanabec	2	0	3	19	0
Mille Lacs	0	0	0	15	0
Pine	0	4	0	37	0
Total	2	5	9	115	0

Region 7W – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Benton	16	98	20	18	0
Sherburne	10	99	2	64	0
Stearns	36	197	12	23	1
Wright	7	116	0	33	0
Total	69	510	34	138	1

Region 7W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Benton	0	7	2	35	0
Sherburne	0	7	4	17	0
Stearns	0	8	4	150	0
Wright	0	20	18	46	0
Total	0	42	28	248	0

Region 8 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cottonwood	5	15	0	5	0
Jackson	1	2	0	2	0
Lincoln	1	0	0	0	2
Lyon	7	25	0	17	0
Murray	0	3	0	10	0
Nobles	2	52	0	1	0
Pipestone	10	6	0	0	0
Redwood	3	5	0	1	0

Region 8 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Rock	3	2	0	9	0
Total	32	110	0	45	2

Region 8 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cottonwood	0	0	0	19	0
Jackson	0	0	0	7	0
Lincoln	0	0	0	15	0
Lyon	0	0	0	38	0
Murray	0	0	0	7	0
Nobles	0	0	11	55	0
Pipestone	0	0	1	3	0
Redwood	0	0	0	20	0
Rock	0	0	0	14	0
Total	0	0	12	178	0

Region 9 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Blue Earth	6	10	0	14	0
Brown	0	0	0	29	0
Faribault	0	1	0	0	0
Le Sueur	4	4	0	9	0
Martin	0	0	0	4	0
Nicollet	0	4	0	5	0
Sibley	2	2	0	1	0
Waseca	2	2	0	4	0
Watsonwan	0	3	0	3	0
Total	14	26	0	69	0

Region 9 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Blue Earth	0	0	9	45	0
Brown	0	0	4	17	0
Faribault	0	0	2	21	0

Region 9 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Le Sueur	0	0	3	27	0
Martin	0	0	5	28	0
Nicollet	0	0	5	19	0
Sibley	0	0	1	17	0
Waseca	0	0	2	22	0
Watsonwan	0	0	7	27	0
Total	0	0	38	223	0

Region 10 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Dodge	0	16	0	9	0
Fillmore	0	5	0	0	0
Freeborn	3	6	12	26	0
Goodhue	0	24	0	7	0
Houston	0	0	0	2	0
Mower	1	21	1	0	0

Region 10 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Olmsted	8	414	113	16	0
Rice	2	30	0	35	0
Steele	1	22	1	5	0
Wabasha	0	2	0	1	0
Winona	7	22	0	23	0
Total	22	562	127	124	0

Region 10– Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Dodge	0	2	4	13	0
Fillmore	0	1	6	28	0
Freeborn	0	1	6	30	0
Goodhue	0	2	5	47	0
Houston	0	0	5	9	0
Mower	0	1	17	22	0
Olmsted	0	30	18	34	0

Region 10– Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Rice	0	3	15	37	0
Steele	0	0	0	32	0
Wabasha	0	0	5	17	0
Winona	0	5	6	33	0
Total	0	45	87	302	0

Region 11– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Anoka	32	363	5	27	0
Carver	4	85	0	12	0
Dakota	43	777	5	101	0
Hennepin	86	1729	179	75	1
Ramsey	98	925	179	23	0
Scott	7	196	0	46	0
Washington	7	230	7	35	0
Total	277	4305	375	319	1

Region 11 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Anoka	2	68	29	178	0
Carver	0	4	0	26	0
Dakota	5	92	13	188	0
Hennepin	7	358	151	455	0
Ramsey	27	172	85	175	0
Scott	0	6	4	68	0
Washington	0	49	9	82	0
Total	41	749	291	1172	0

Tribal – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	19	10	47	11	11
White Earth Nation	13	0	6	0	144

Appendix R: Pathway I – Child Counts by Region, County and Star Rating – FY 2024

Region 1	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Kittson	0	0	0	1	1
Marshall	0	2	7	0	1
Norman	1	0	1	0	15
Pennington	0	9	8	0	10
Polk	1	1	0	0	68
Red Lake	0	0	1	4	4
Roseau	0	1	0	0	5
Total	2	13	17	5	104

Region 2	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Beltrami	6	4	6	62	115
Clearwater	1	4	2	9	16
Hubbard	0	0	7	18	108

Region 2	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Lake of the Woods	0	0	0	3	0
Mahnomen	0	0	4	4	64
Total	7	8	19	96	303

Region 3	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Aitkin	0	0	0	1	19
Carlton	0	0	3	0	87
Cook	0	0	0	0	15
Itasca	8	3	0	1	120
Koochiching	0	0	0	2	39
Lake	0	4	0	0	35
St. Louis	3	15	34	20	277
Total	11	22	37	24	592

Region 4	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Becker	5	0	3	12	209
Clay	8	3	4	5	65
Douglas	0	0	7	2	15
Grant	0	0	1	0	2
Otter Tail	1	1	1	3	52
Pope	0	0	1	0	2
Stevens	0	0	2	0	10
Traverse	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkin	0	0	0	3	2
Total	14	4	19	25	37

Region 5	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Cass	0	0	9	13	65
Crow Wing	4	1	5	10	115

Region 5	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Morrison	4	1	1	3	45
Todd	0	0	1	4	38
Wadena	2	0	0	3	20
Total	10	2	16	33	283

Region 6E	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Kandiyohi	7	2	5	15	107
McLeod	0	2	11	3	30
Meeker	0	3	2	1	39
Renville	0	0	4	0	4
Total	7	7	22	19	180

Region 6W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Big Stone	3	0	0	2	7

Region 6W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Chippewa	2	0	2	2	15
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	0	25
Swift	0	0	2	8	12
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	0	20
Total	5	0	4	12	79

Region 7E	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Chisago	1	0	1	0	62
Isanti	0	0	0	0	43
Kanabec	0	0	0	9	15
Mille Lacs	8	1	0	0	57
Pine	0	0	0	8	31
Total	9	1	1	17	208

Region 7W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Benton	4	0	3	3	135
Sherburne	1	0	0	7	165
Stearns	8	0	0	17	245
Wright	2	3	2	3	145
Total	15	3	5	30	690

Region 8	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Cottonwood	0	0	5	0	20
Jackson	0	0	0	0	5
Lincoln	0	0	1	1	1
Lyon	0	0	1	2	46
Murray	0	0	1	0	12
Nobles	0	2	0	0	53
Pipestone	0	0	0	5	11

Region 8	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Redwood	0	0	0	3	8
Rock	0	0	0	3	11
Total	0	2	8	14	167

Region 9	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Blue Earth	0	0	4	0	25
Brown	0	0	0	0	29
Faribault	0	0	0	0	1
Le Sueur	0	0	0	0	15
Martin	0	0	0	0	4
Nicollet	0	0	2	1	6
Sibley	1	0	0	1	3
Waseca	0	0	0	0	8
Watonwan	0	0	0	0	6

Region 9	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Total	1	0	6	2	97

Region 10	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Dodge	1	0	0	0	24
Fillmore	0	0	0	0	5
Freeborn	0	0	0	3	44
Goodhue	0	0	2	0	29
Houston	0	0	0	0	2
Mower	1	0	0	0	22
Olmsted	2	8	3	6	514
Rice	7	0	2	0	57
Steele	3	0	0	0	28
Wabasha	0	0	0	0	3
Winona	6	0	0	0	46

Region 10	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Total	20	8	7	9	774

Region 11	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Anoka	8	0	4	4	409
Carver	1	3	0	1	95
Dakota	11	6	12	13	876
Hennepin	73	0	18	46	1924
Ramsey	5	7	2	1	1171
Scott	5	7	2	1	231
Washington	2	6	1	0	265
Total	105	29	39	66	4971

Tribal Administrators	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	1	0	12	9	70

Tribal Administrators	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
White Earth Nation	2	1	7	18	138

Appendix S: Pathway I – Final Wait List – FY 2024

Statewide	Total Wait List
Total Statewide Wait List	120

Region 1	Total Wait List
Kittson	0
Marshall	0
Norman	0
Pennington	0
Polk	0
Red Lake	0
Roseau	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 2	Total Wait List
Beltrami	5
Clearwater	0

Region 2	Total Wait List
Hubbard	2
Lake of the Woods	0
Mahnomen	0
Total Region Wait List	7

Region 3	Total Wait List
Aitkin	0
Carlton	0
Cook	0
Itasca	0
Koochiching	0
Lake	0
St. Louis	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 4	Total Wait List
Becker	0
Clay	0
Douglas	0
Grant	0
Otter Tail	0
Pope	0
Stevens	0
Traverse	0
Wilkin	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 5	Total Wait List
Cass	0
Crow Wing	4
Morrison	0
Todd	0

Region 5	Total Wait List
Wadena	2
Total Region Wait List	6

Region 6E	Total Wait List
Kandiyohi	0
McLeod	0
Meeker	0
Renville	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 6W	Total Wait List
Big Stone	0
Chippewa	0
Lac qui Parle	0
Swift	0
Yellow Medicine	0

Region 6W	Total Wait List
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 7E	Total Wait List
Chisago	0
Isanti	0
Kanabec	0
Mille Lacs	0
Pine	2
Total Region Wait List	2

Region 7W	Total Wait List
Benton	30
Sherburne	0
Stearns	0
Wright	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 8	Total Wait List
Cottonwood	0
Jackson	0
Lincoln	0
Lyon	0
Murray	0
Nobles	0
Pipestones	0
Redwood	0
Rock	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 9	Total Wait List
Blue Earth	1
Brown	0
Faribault	0
Le Sueur	0

Region 9	Total Wait List
Martin	0
Nicollet	0
Sibley	0
Waseca	0
Watonwan	0
Total Region Wait List	1

Region 10	Total Wait List
Dodge	0
Fillmore	0
Freeborn	0
Goodhue	0
Houston	0
Mower	0
Olmsted	11
Rice	0

Region 10	Total Wait List
Steele	0
Wabasha	0
Winona	0
Total Region Wait List	11

Region 11	Total Wait List
Anoka	39
Carver	2
Dakota	14
Hennepin	3
Ramsey	6
Scott	3
Washington	26
Total Region Wait List	93

Tribal Administrative Area	Total Wait List
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0
White Earth Nation	0